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In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	014881-000722
Applicant:)	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
Application No.:)	Confirmation No.:	5596
Filing or 371(c) Date:)	Art Unit:	3682
Title:)	Customer No.:	24239
CLAMPING AND/OR SPREADING TOOL)		

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO.
10/576,091**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

A review of the Filing Receipt in the above-identified patent application has revealed the presence of an error in the listing of Foreign Applications. The filing date associated with foreign application GERMANY 10358302.5 is incorrect. The correct listing of Foreign Applications is as follows:

GERMANY 10358301.7 12/12/2003
GERMANY 10358296.7 12/12/2003
GERMANY 10358302.5 12/12/2003
GERMANY 10358303.3 12/12/2003
GERMANY 10358304.1 12/12/2003
GERMANY 10358291.6 12/12/2003

Request hereby is made for issue of a corrected filing receipt for the subject U.S. patent application.

CONCLUSION

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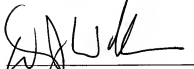
4365 in the name of Moore & Van Allen PLLC. If any additional issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 286-8090 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/576,091**

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Title

Clamping and/or Spreading Tool ✓

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